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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending March 12, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 12, 2017**. Low temperatures ranged from 42.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Farmerville to 62.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Farmerville to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Scattered rainfall was received throughout the state, with the Southeast part of the state recording the highest average of rain concentration at 1.89 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 12, 2017

Crop	This week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	10	NA	NA
Rice, planted	5	NA	4
Winter Wheat, headed	2	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending March 12, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	4	11	35	46	4
Pasture	5	13	38	40	4
Sugarcane	1	6	44	46	3
Vegetables	3	8	40	44	5
Winter Wheat	3	10	52	34	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn planting has begun. Recent rainfall has slowed the process.”

– Carol Pinnell -Alison, Franklin Parish

“Periodic showers have kept fields just wet enough to delay corn planting. Burn down has gone out and some fieldwork has taken place. The cooler temperatures that are forecast for next week and wet ground will probably delay planting a little while longer. Sweet potato bedding should begin in the next few weeks. Vegetable producers have greenhouses up and going and transplants are coming along nicely.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Crop year starting off good. Small showers every week or so have keep ryegrass growing. It is still dry enough for farmers to work some fields and plant rice. More rice should start being planted this coming week if conditions continue to warm.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Some corn and rice acres have been planted in the recent weeks. However, recent widespread rains and cooler weather have the slow field work in these areas. Crawfish seem to be plentiful with somewhat steady prices. A bright spot in the cattle market have producers encouraged coming off of some lows from late last summer and fall. Despite a mild weather throughout the winter months, winter pasture plantings held up really well into early spring. Calving season is upon us with plentiful grazing for spring. There is some speculation on spring planted crops as we look to see a possible increase in soybean acres and possible fewer rice acres.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rice has been planted little by little the last couple of weeks. As farmers push to drill plant, rain seems to back them up every other day. With the semi mild winter, cattle are holding their own with spring calves hitting the ground and growing.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

“Field work and crop progress continue to advance a couple of weeks ahead of schedule due to warm and relatively dry conditions. An abundant crawfish catch is suppressing prices. Cattle producers are making the final application of fertilizer to cool season pastures to extend grazing and possibly to make hay. Pruning and fertilizing of fruit trees is in full swing along with spring garden planting. Some weak sugarcane stubble is being plowed out and some growers are starting to apply fertilizer.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 12, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	67.1	48.7	57.9	54.7	3.2	1.09	5	0.10	4.18	-0.22
Mooringsport	71.6	48.6	60.1	53.8	6.3	0.85	4	-0.26	3.21	-1.77
Red River	70.3	49.6	59.9	54.8	5.1	1.21	4	0.11	2.70	-1.84
Shreveport	70.8	51.5	61.1	55.1	6.4	NA	NA	NA	2.09	-1.95
Extreme/Average	70.0	49.6	59.8	54.6	5.2	1.05	5	-0.02	3.04	-1.44
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	53.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	62.0	42.5	52.3	54.7	-3.1	NA	NA	NA	4.72	0.97
Homer	70.5	48.3	59.4	52.4	7.2	0.69	3	-0.33	3.72	-0.93
Extreme/Average	66.2	45.4	55.8	53.5	2.0	0.69	3	-0.33	4.22	0.02
Northeast										
Lake Providence	68.1	49.3	58.7	53.9	4.8	2.08	3	1.06	4.79	2.43
St Joseph	NA	NA	NA	55.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.97	0.74
Tallulah	75.0	57.0	66.0	56.4	9.9	NA	NA	NA	2.12	-2.77
Winnsboro	76.7	52.9	64.8	55.6	9.2	1.55	3	0.27	3.85	-0.94
Extreme/Average	73.3	53.1	63.2	55.4	8.0	1.82	3	0.66	3.43	-0.14
West Central										
Ashland	72.7	55.1	63.9	57.2	6.8	1.78	5	0.70	3.52	-1.19
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	55.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Leesville	71.0	53.7	62.3	56.1	6.7	NA	NA	NA	2.27	-2.00
Natchitoches	72.7	54.7	63.7	57.4	6.3	0.54	5	-0.41	2.03	-2.02
Extreme/Average	72.1	54.5	63.3	56.5	6.6	1.16	5	0.14	2.61	-1.74
Central										
Alexandria	77.0	56.0	66.5	58.6	8.3	NA	NA	NA	3.56	-0.67
Bunkie	72.7	54.3	63.5	56.4	7.1	1.49	4	0.18	4.06	-0.31
Eunice	72.7	52.9	62.8	57.5	5.3	1.12	4	-0.10	3.43	-1.84
Jonesville Locks	75.3	53.4	64.4	58.0	6.3	1.67	3	0.51	3.37	-1.26
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	60.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	74.4	54.2	64.3	58.1	6.7	1.43	4	0.20	3.60	-1.02
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	58.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.14	6	1.04	3.70	-1.49
Norwood	74.6	57.7	66.1	NA	NA	0.92	3	NA	2.19	NA
Slidell	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.35	4	NA	4.40	NA
Extreme/Average	74.6	57.7	66.1	58.4	NA	1.80	6	1.04	3.43	-1.49
Southwest										
Crowley	73.8	58.6	66.2	58.8	7.6	0.38	3	-0.28	2.36	-1.53
DeRidder	73.1	55.7	64.4	58.8	5.6	0.58	3	-0.42	2.98	-1.62
Jennings	NA	NA	NA	58.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oberlin Fire	74.9	58.4	66.6	59.1	7.5	0.38	4	-0.56	2.16	-1.92
Extreme/Average	73.9	57.6	65.8	58.8	6.9	0.45	4	-0.42	2.50	-1.69
South Central										
Donaldsonville	74.7	56.6	65.6	59.4	6.2	1.91	3	0.93	3.62	-0.97
Jeanerette	74.5	58.8	66.7	60.0	6.6	1.05	2	0.24	2.97	-0.90
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	59.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	73.4	58.0	65.7	60.0	6.0	0.29	2	-0.34	3.31	-0.52
Extreme/Average	74.2	57.8	66.0	59.6	6.3	1.08	3	0.28	3.30	-0.80
Southeast										
Galliano	74.4	62.7	68.6	60.9	7.7	1.87	2	0.76	4.82	0.28
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.91	5	0.83	3.70	-1.15
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	74.4	62.7	68.6	60.9	7.7	1.89	5	0.80	2.84	-0.43
State	72.7	54.9	63.8	57.5	5.5	1.24	4	0.23	3.23	-0.97

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.